



# DRINKING WATER QUALITY STANDARDS FOR SURFACE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS

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Unless otherwise specified, the unit of measure for each of the maximum contaminant levels (MCL) listed in the following tables is in milligrams per liter (mg/l).

<b>Table 1</b>			
<b>Primary Drinking Water Parameters</b>			
<b>Inorganic Chemicals (IOC)</b>			
Contaminant	MCL	Contaminant	MCL
Arsenic	0.010 <sup>1</sup>	Fluoride	4.0
Asbestos (10 μm)	7 MFL <sup>2</sup>	Lead	TT <sup>3</sup>
Antimony	0.006	Mercury	0.002
Barium	2.0	Nitrate	10
Beryllium	0.004	Nitrite	1
Cadmium	0.005	Total Nitrate and Nitrite	10
Chromium (total)	0.1	Selenium	0.05
Copper	TT <sup>3</sup>	Thallium	0.002
Cyanide (as free Cyanide)	0.2		

### Primary Drinking Water Parameters (Continued)

#### Synthetic Organic Chemicals

Contaminant	MCL	Contaminant	MCL
Alachlor	0.002	Dalapon	0.2
Atrazine	0.003	Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate	0.4
Carbofuran	0.04	Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	0.006
Chlordane	0.002	Dinoseb	0.007
Dibromochloropropane (DBCP)	0.0002	Diquat	0.02
Ethylene dibromide (EDB)	0.00005	Endothall	0.1
Heptachlor	0.0004	Endrin	0.002
Heptachlor epoxide	0.0002	Glyphosate	0.7
Lindane	0.0002	Hexachlorobenzene	0.001
Methoxychlor	0.04	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	0.05
PCBs	0.0005	Oxamyl (vydate)	0.2
Pentachlorophenol	0.001	Picloram	0.5
Toxaphene	0.003	Simazine	0.004
Benzo(a)pyrene (PAHs)	0.0002	2,3,7,8-TCDD (Dioxin)	30.0 pg/L <sup>4</sup>
		2,4-D	0.07
		2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	0.05

#### Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOC)

Contaminant	MCL	Contaminant	MCL
Benzene	0.005	trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	0.1
Carbon tetrachloride	0.005	Trichloroethylene	0.005
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	0.07	Vinyl chloride	0.002
Dichloromethane	0.005	Xylenes (total)	10
Ethylbenzene	0.7	1,1-Dichloroethylene	0.007
Monochlorobenzene (chlorobenzene)	0.1	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	0.2
o-Dichlorobenzene	0.6	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	0.005
para-Dichlorobenzene	0.075	1,2-Dichloroethane	0.005
Styrene	0.1	1,2-Dichloropropane	0.005
Tetrachloroethylene	0.005	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	0.07
Toluene	1		

<b>Primary Drinking Water Parameters (Continued)</b>	
<b>Naturally Occurring Radionuclides</b>	
Contaminant	MCL
Radium 226 and Radium 228 Gross Alpha particle activity (including radium-226 but excluding radon and uranium)	5 pCi/L <sup>5</sup> 15 pCi/L <sup>5</sup>
<b>Man-Made Radionuclides</b>	
Contaminant	MCL
Beta particle and photon activity	4 mrem/yr <sup>6</sup>
<b>Microbiological</b>	
Contaminant	MCL
Giardia Lamblia	TT <sup>7</sup>
Legionella	TT <sup>7</sup>
Heterotrophic Plate Count	TT <sup>7</sup>
Total Coliform	*8
Turbidity	TT <sup>7</sup>
Viruses	TT <sup>7</sup>

<b>Table 2</b>			
<b>Secondary Drinking Water Parameters</b>			
Contaminant	MCL	Contaminant	MCL
Aluminum	0.05 to 0.2	Iron	0.3
Chloride	250	Manganese	0.05
Color	15 color units	pH	6.5 - 8.5
Copper	1	Silver	0.1
Corrosivity	Non-Corrosive	Sulfate	250
Fluoride	2.0	Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	500
Foaming Agents	0.5	Zinc	5
		Odor	3 t.o.n. <sup>9</sup>

<b>Table 3</b>	
<b>Other Water Quality Parameters</b>	
Contaminant	MCL
Alkalinity	None
Calcium Hardness	None
Conductivity	None
Sodium	None <sup>10</sup>
Temperature	None

1. The MCL for arsenic is 0.05 milligrams per liter (mg/L) for all public water systems until January 23, 2006.
2. The unit of measure is million fibers/liter (longer than 10µm).
3. Treatment Technique as outlined in the Lead and Copper Rule.
4. The unit of measure is in picograms per liter.
5. The unit of measure is in picocuries per liter
6. The unit of measure is in millirem per year
7. Treatment Technique as outlined in the Surface Water Treatment Rule.
8. In accordance with the Total Coliform Rule, no more than 5% of the samples per month may be positive. For systems collecting fewer than 40 samples per month, no more than 1 sample per month may be positive.
9. Threshold odor number

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10. There is no MCL for sodium. However, community water systems are required to monitor for sodium (annually for systems which utilize surface water and every three years for system utilizing groundwater) and notify the appropriate local public health officials of the sodium levels within three months of receiving the results.